

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: TANGOV QUESTIONS IRAN'S SOMALIA POLICY

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 105 (NOTAL), B) TEHRAN 0413 (NOTAL),  
C) TEHRAN 0190 (NOTAL), D) TEHRAN 0366 (NOTAL)

1. AT REQUEST OF FORNMINISTER MKAPA WHO IS OUT TOWN, CHARGE  
MET 17 JANUARY WITH JUNIOR FORNMINISTER FOUM RE MKAPA'S 10  
JANUARY REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF SHAH'S REMARK ABOUT IRAN  
COMING TO SOMALIA'S SUPPORT IF ITS TERRITORY VIOLATED BY ETHIOPIA  
(REF A). CHARGE HANDED FOUM TEXT OF SHAH'S 1 JANUARY STATEMENT  
AS REPORTED REF C PARA 3 AND OF FORNMINISTER KHALATBARY'S STATE-  
MENT REPORTED REF D. DRAWING ON REF B, CHARGE TOLD FOUM WE  
UNDERSTOOD THRUST OF SHAH'S POLICY IS TO GET ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA  
TO NEGOTIATE DISPUTE AND PURPOSE OF HIS REMARKS SEEMED TO BE TO  
ENCOURAGE ETHIOPIANS TO TALK BY INJECTING ADDITIONAL ELEMENT OF  
UNCERTAINTY INTO OPTION OF FIGHTING. CHARGE OBSERVED THAT SHAH  
SPOKE OF IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA ONLY IF LATTER'S TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY ENDANGERED AND THAT TERRITORY DEFINED IN TERMS OF  
"INTERNATIONALY RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES OF SOMALIA".

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2. FOUM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CLARIFICATION. HE SAID  
TANGOV "WORRIED" ABOUT IRANIAN AND (ACCORDING TO RECENT VOA  
BROADCASTS) SAUDI STATEMENTS ABOUT HORN. WHILE TANGOV SHARES  
WITH IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA RESPECT FOR SOMALIA TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY, IT WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE ABOUT IRANIAN AND SAUDI  
INTENTIONS IF THEY ALSO EXPRESSED CONERN FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

OF ETHIOPIA. HE ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE TANGOV WITH ANY IRANIAN AND SAUDI POLICY STATEMENTS ON TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA, BOTH FROM POINT OF VIEW OF SOMALIA ATTACK AND THEIR OWN SUPPORT OF SOMALIA IRREDENTISM IN OGADEN.

3. FOUM EXPRESSED PARTICULAR WORRY THAT ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE DESIGNED TO STOP AT BORDERS MIGHT NONTHELESS PRODUCE ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION THAT COUNTRIES LIKE IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA COULD USE TO JOIN FRAY AGAINST ETHIOPIA. HE EMPHASIZED HE MEANT TRUE ACCIDENT RATHER THAN DETERMINED ETHIOPIAN INCURSION ACROSS BORDER EVEN IF IT ONLY IN SUPPORT OF LIMITED OBJECTIVE OF REGAINING ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY. TANGOV, FOUM SAID, WOULD BE AGAINST SUCH AN ETHIOPIAN MOVE.

4. WHEN ASKED WHAT THERE WAS TO NEGOTIATE GIVEN PUBLIC POSITIONS OF TWO SIDES, FOUM SAID THAT ON BASIS OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS ON HORN AT LIBREVILLE OAU MEETING, HE THOUGHT ETHIOPIANS WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS "SOME BORDER RECTIFICATIONS" ONCE STATUS QUO ANTE REESTABLISHED AS WELL AS FUTURE AREAS FOR CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH SOMALIA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED - EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSES CAN SUPPLY RE FOUM'S REQUEST FOR IRANIAN AND SAUDI EXPRESSIONS OF EVENHANDEDNESS ABOUT PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IN HORN.

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